IV. CALLING ATTENTION TO DIFFICULTIES IN SECURING ADMISSION IN COLLEGES.

திரு. செ. மாதவன் : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, **1964–65-ம்** கல்வி ஆண்டில் கல்லூரிப் புதுமுக வகுப்பிலும், பி.ஏ., பி.எஸ்ஸி., வகுப்புகளிலும் சேர்ந்து படிக்கக் கல்லூரிகளில் இடம் கிடைக்காமையால் மாணுக்கர் அடையும் இடுக்கண்நிலே பற்றிய அவசரப் பொதுமுக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த விஷயத்தை, கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் அவர்களின் கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவருகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The strength of classes in colleges and the sanction of additional strength in them are decided by the University of Madras.

In view of the greater demand for admission in 1964-65, the University has sanctioned an increase of over 6,000 seats in the Pre-University Course classes in all the colleges in this State by permitting additional batches in P.U.C., increasing five more seats in each existing batch and granting affiliation to new P.U.C. Colleges.

The Government also anticipated greater rush for admission in P.U.C. and, to meet the rush, have opened four new P.U.C. Colleges this year under their management with University affiliation. The other new P.U.C. Colleges opened this year are under private management and they number six.

The exact total number of seats permitted in the P.U.C. including the seats in the newly opened ten colleges, is 32,173 as against 26,123 during 1963–64.

The number of students who have qualified for admission to the P.U.C. this year is about 69,000 including the candidates who passed the S.S.L.C. Examination in October 1963. Not all the 69,000 who have passed the S.S.L.C. Examination would be seeking admission to colleges. These students constitute a reservoir from which streams of technical and professional training as well as employment in ministerial posts under Government and private establishments have to be fed. In all, about 16,000 would be absorbed in Polytechnics, Training Schools, Industrial Training centres and Commercial Courses. The extent to which S.S.L.C candidates are absorbed in employment under all managements cannot be estimated correctly, but the number may run into several thousands. So, the provision of 32,173 seats in P.U.C. cannot be considered inadequate. This provision is fairly adequate to meet the demand for admission to colleges from such candidates, as may be able to benefit by higher education. If candidates with low marks or, are not otherwise fit, are not successful in getting admission to the P.U.C. in any college, it does not justify the inference that there is denial of admission.

As regards B.A. and B.Sc. courses, no difficulty has been experienced and the University has granted permission to the colleges to admit, according to conditions, the students who sought admission provided they are eligible for such courses. The total number of seats permitted is 5,845 in B.A.; 7,710 in B.Sc. and 980 in B.Com.